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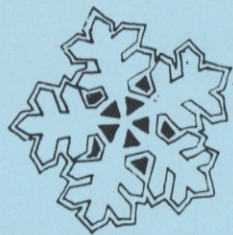


AIDS Network of Edmonton Society

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Happy New Year
from the Staff and Board
of the AIDS Network
of Edmonton!



a) Black & White

A F F A I R

Artists united to benefit the
AIDS Network of Edmonton Society.

7 pm. Sunday
January 30, 1994
Commerce Place

Formerly 'City Centre'
10155 102 Street, Edmonton

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COMMERCE PLACE



AIDS Network of
Edmonton Society

HELP LINE



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Support Service Volunteers

Thank-you again for all of your time, commitment and energy! We have re-instituted regular 2 hour meetings every six weeks - Jan 11, Feb 22, Apr 5, May 17 and June 21 at 6pm, with the purpose of providing support, information and a forum to discuss emerging issues. If volunteers from other areas wish to join us, you are welcome.

Workshops/Support Groups/Seminars

Based upon your experience with the agency and the people we work with, we invite you to share your ideas for potential workshops, support groups and/or in-service training. Please call and speak to Sandra or drop us a note in the mail or by FAX (488-3735).

In Memoriam



We wish to remember the
recent passing of

**Bill S.
Terry C.
Doris K.
Barry W.**

A memorial service to remember
these individuals will be held in
the board room of the Network
Feb 8 at 7:30pm.

Support Groups

The number and variety of support groups continues to grow. The most recent additions include:

Aboriginal Persons Living with HIV/AIDS **(Wednesday 7:00-9:00pm)**

This is an ongoing, weekly, drop in group that is facilitated by the Feather of Hope Society support staff. This group provides a safe place for Aboriginal people who are HIV+ or have AIDS to meet, receive and provide support in a traditional manner. Family and friends welcome! For more information contact Barb or Joan at 488-5773. (Meeting location: AIDS Network Drop-in Centre)

Heterosexual Support Group **(3rd Wednesday evening 7:00pm)**

This is a monthly facilitated support group where heterosexual individuals and couples meet to provide mutual support. (Contact Bernie Modrovsky 492-6098 for information)

Bereavement Support Group **(Thursday evening)**

An 8 week professionally facilitated support group for people who have experienced loss or bereavement as a result of an AIDS related death. Meetings begin Thursday, January 27th, 1994. Discussion with one of the facilitators is required before attending. (Please contact Don Freeman 496-5910 or Linda Phillips 492-9503)

Continuing Support Groups

HIV+ Gay Men's Support Group - Phone 488-5742 or 488-5768 for information.

Family, Friends and Partners Support Group - Thursday Nights. Phone 488-5742 for information.

Persons Living with HIV/AIDS - Wednesday 12:30 to 2:00 pm. Contact Bernie Modrovsky 492-6098.

HIV+ Women's Support - Alternating Afternoons and Evenings. Contact Sari Friedman-Rosner at 424-6346 for information.

Monday Night Support Group (Living Positive) - Monday Nights. Contact Charlotte at 488-5768 for information prior to attending.

Education Into the Next Millennium

"The Education Committee recognizes that the epidemic of HIV disease in Canada is dynamic and unpredictable and that it is evolving at different rates in different populations"

So begins the Preamble to the new Education Plan for the ANE recently completed by the Education Committee. The former Plan expired at the end of 1993. For the past year or more the Education Committee has been developing a new plan to guide the Network's education policy and programming into the year 2000.

As one Committee member expressed during this development, "Well, we (researchers, epidemiologists, etc.) have not been right in any of our predictions yet!" With the difficulties posed by the nature of HIV's unpredictability, developing a vision, goals and objectives proves challenging. The committee recognizes the need to provide a plan that meets the current requirements of Edmontonians, while at the same time will provide a clear path for the next five to seven years.

It was important to us to reflect in the plan the historical and ongoing working relationships with and commitment to men who have sex with men and yet provide the latitude within the plan to be able to respond to women and other emerging populations infected and affected by the disease. Bearing this in mind we realize that financial resources are becoming increasingly limited. Consequently cost effectiveness and program evaluation will be emphasized over the coming years.

Remaining true to the ANE's networking tradition and the need for cost effectiveness we will continue to work collaboratively with other agencies and organizations. So the need for active participation by those living with HIV infection and those affected by HIV in education initiatives will increase.

Unpredictability of HIV - Historical commitments - Financial resources - Networking traditions. With these key elements in mind the Committee acknowledges that reducing risk, sustaining healthy behaviours and raising awareness remain our basic aims. But the strategies which encourage individuals to take responsibility for their health and make informed healthy choices can only succeed within a community that is tolerant and compassionate.

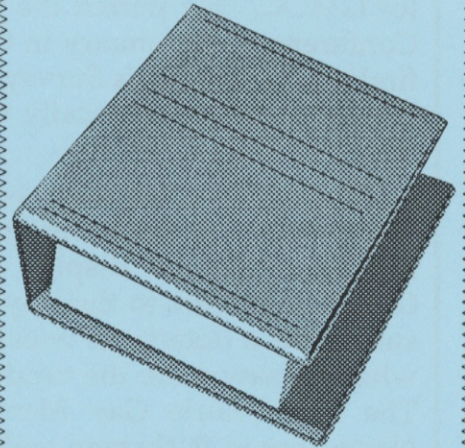
And so the Preamble concludes, "The Committee recognizes the need to provide educational programs that encourage informed and positive attitudes towards individuals regardless of lifestyles, sexual orientation, and HIV status."

A complete copy of the Education Plan 2000 will be available through the Resource Centre of the AIDS Network.

Jim Sheremeta
Chairperson, Education Committee

Look What's New!

Books



AIDS A Modern Epidemic

Pan American Health
Organization
1993

AIDS and Canadian Law

Lorne Elkin Rozovsky and
Fay Adrienne Rozovsky
1992

AIDS Education for English

**Language Learners: A
Guidebook for Teachers**
Planned Parenthood
1993



A new spirit of giving

GMOC Man to Man - What a Year!

Gay Men's Outreach Crew

GMOC Man to Man is about men. Men helping other men. Men making sure that other men always promote and practice safer sex.

The last twelve months have been very exciting and dynamic for GMOC. We started the year by attending the CAS Western Conference, last January in Calgary, to discuss and evaluate the findings of the Men's Survey '91. We also helped to promote the release of the study locally when it was released nationwide in May '93.

During June we were very active during Gay and Lesbian Pride Week - A Family of Pride, where we attended most of the functions with our display or blitzes. In October we sent two GMOC members to the Gay and Lesbian Alberta Summit. We submitted a document which outlined our recommendations of what we saw were the needs for Gays and Lesbians in Alberta. The first Prairie Gay Men's Outreach Meeting was held in November in Saskatoon and two GMOC members were sent to represent us. Some very important networking occurred which will help us to share resources, information and support one another.

We introduced the new "Man to Man Series" last fall, which brought in two new workshops and rejuvenated two existing ones. There was great enthusiasm for the "Men Meeting Men: Sex, Dating and Intimacy" Workshop. New facilitators were trained and brought on board to facilitate these workshops. To market this new series, GMOC produced posters and brochures with a great new logo and colorful new T-shirts for the GMOC volunteers to wear.

GMOC could not have done any of these important activities if it were not for the countless hours the GMOC volunteers put into preparations for all the outreach we do. The amount of time and energy they give us is truly appreciated by not only the AIDS Network, but by the whole Gay and Lesbian community.

1994 will continue to be a period of excitement and challenge as we continue to fight against HIV infection. Starting February 2 we will be offering "Being Gay in the '90s" and on February 19 "Men Meeting Men: Sex, Dating and Intimacy" Workshops will be held. We will continue to do our blitzes and displays in and around the community as well as taking part in the various conferences and community meetings. Keep an eye out for us.

GMOC

Gay Mens' Outreach Crew

MAN TO MAN

Denis Couillard,
Outreach Worker

For further information call 488-5742 and ask for the GMOC office

BEING GAY IN THE NINETIES

These eight weekly sessions are about risk taking, relationships, negotiating, coming out and a whole lot more! The topics are chosen by the group so who knows what could happen! It's always time well spent.

Feb. 2 - Mar. 23, 1994

7:00 pm

St. Stephen's College

8810 - 112 Street

MEN MEETING MEN SEX, DATING AND INTIMACY

This full day session is all about love, relationships, meeting men, being gay and strengthening bonds with each other. No one ever said meeting men is easy, but this day will certainly make it more fun!!

Feb. 19, 1994

12:30 - 6:00 pm

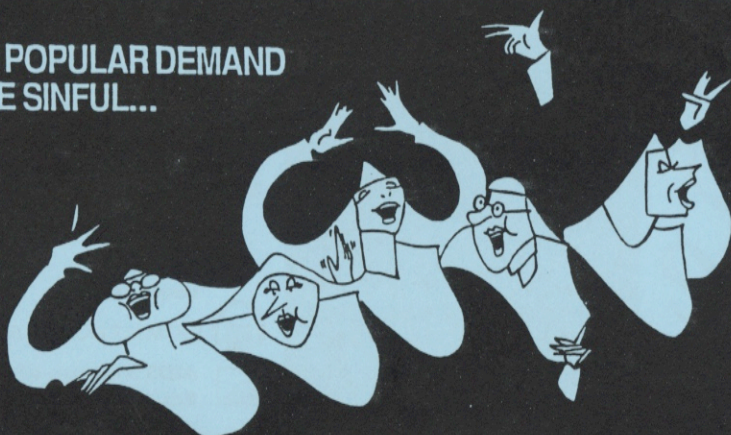
**AIDS Network of
Edmonton Society**

201, 11456 Jasper Ave.

**TO REGISTER CALL
988-3671**


**MAN TO MAN
SERIES**

BY POPULAR DEMAND
THE SINFUL...



NUNSENSE



SUNDAY, FEB. 6th

7 pm DOORS plus Cocktails & Hors d'Oeuvres

9 pm LIVE SHOW — Just Enough to Wet Your Appetite

10 pm FEATURE PERFORMANCE — A Star Studded Production

• CHINESE AUCTION, RAFFLE, \$100 — IN DOOR PRIZES

AN AID BENEFIT FOR

THE KARIS HOUSE VAN

AN I.S.C.W.R. EVENT

THE ROOST RUMPUS ROOM

THE PRIVATE MEMBERS CLUB

Upcoming Events

Vitalize '94 Provincial Volunteer Conference

\$94.00 for all conference sessions and meals

Free Hop a Bus

Grande Prairie, June 9, 10, 11

Any questions? Phone John Kopek or
Shelley Borowski at 422-9305

Men's Health Issues 1994 Conference

University Hospital, June 9, 10, 11

For more information call

Sharon Jamieson at 492-5339

Communicating About Sexuality:

Facing the Challenges

Designed for professionals working in the
area of sexuality

Edmonton Inn, March 16-18

For more information phone

Penny Cuddy at 427-2653 or

Paula MacLean at 456-3032

AIDS 202

For All Agency Volunteers and Staff

Everything you ever wanted
to know about HIV/AIDS

Come and bring
any questions you
may have about
HIV/AIDS to our
AIDS 202 Session
Saturday February 5
10:00 am - 1:30 pm
AIDS Network Board Room

For more information call
Heather H. at 488-5742

AIDS in the Workplace - It's a GO!

The AIDS in the Workplace
Project is up and running.

Funded by the Edmonton
Community Foundations, Levi
Straus and the Edmonton Realtors
Foundation, the project is designed
to work with the Edmonton
Business Community to develop

HIV policies and education
programs for the workplace.

Bill MacDonald and Catherine
Reininger have been hired as
members of the Workplace team.

Bill has several years experience
working in the business community
and Catherine brings excellent
research and administrative skills.

If you are interested in becoming

involved in the Workplace Project
or want more information about
the project why not give them a
call at 488-5742.

If you are in the office drop by and
say hello. Their office is just inside
the front door.



a) Black & White Artists for life *A F F A I R*

Artists united in performance to benefit
the AIDS Network of Edmonton Society.

**7 pm. Sunday
January 30, 1994
Commerce Place
Rotunda**

Formerly CityCentre-
Jasper Avenue at 101 & 102 Streets

Tickets \$20.00

Available at: TICKETMASTER outlets
Charge by phone 451 8000
AIDS Network. 488 5742
11456 Jasper Avenue

ATTIRE:
CREATIVE *Black & White*

Salute to big band, blues and jazz.

Invited artists: selected works, fine
dining and leisure packages offered for sale by
silent auction. Mastercard, Visa, cheques welcome.

All proceeds to the AIDS Network of Edmonton
Society, 488 5742 for more information.



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Edmonton Society

The Westin Hotel
FM Systems
Production Lighting

Black & White '94 - the best one yet!

There's a new theme, a new feature and a new date for this year's Black and White Affair... but that doesn't change the spirit of one of Edmonton's most popular annual parties. For the second year in a row, the event is being held in the beautiful Commerce Place (formerly City Centre) Rotunda on Jasper Avenue at 101 and 102 Streets. The traditional November time slot has moved to January 30, 1994 at 7pm.

Volunteers and donors

"We have been extremely lucky to recruit an excellent group of people to help put the event together," says Committee Chairperson Donald Michalkow. "And the generosity of Commerce Place, the Westin Hotel, FM Systems and Production Lighting has meant lower costs for us and more proceeds for the AIDS Network.

The food, the ambience...

Wear your dancing shoes if you're so inclined. The dance floor is surrounded by cabaret style seating - for just the two of you, or the whole crew of you. Finger foods (lots of them!) are being served by the incomparable Westin Hotel.

Silent Auction

The Black and White is incorporating a silent auction for the first time this year. Items for sale include fine dining and leisure packages, gifts, and merchandise from select Edmonton retailers.

The best Edmonton artists

Donald says organizers are very pleased to welcome visual artists to the Black and White Affair. Selected works by invited artists from Edmonton and area will be on sale at the Black and White with partial proceeds going to the AIDS Network.

Music for all tastes...

Some of Edmonton's finest musicians are donating their talents to ensure a fabulous evening of blues, jazz and big bands: Anna Beaumont, John Gray Jazz Trio, Guys in Disguise, Peter Merriweather, Tilo Paiz & Amistad.

See the list (in this newsletter)
of local and regional artists
who are participating in the
1994 Black and White
Silent Auction

Steering Committee

The Black and White Steering Committee also includes: Jane Achtem, Brian Clark, Mike Burch, Mike Kurylo, Cheryl Lieberman, Sharon Marcus, Velma McColl, Kevin Smith, Brian Welsh, and Vickie Zern. Call Penny Craig at 488-5742 (AIDS Network) for more info.

The Roost - a top donor in 1993 Thank you, staff and customers

A successful 'Faces' promotion at the Roost in May '93 raised over \$2,100 for the AIDS Network of Edmonton Society. Staff and customers have also joined forces to make major contributions to the U of A's AIDS Research Fund (\$3800), the Ross Armstrong Memorial Fund (\$2,025), Kairos House (\$1,000), the 1993 AIDS Walk For Life (\$900) and 'Living Positive' (\$400). The AIDS Network and related agencies are very grateful for the generous support shown by the Roost and its customers.

ARTISTS WANTED!

**FACES OF LIFE
- Artists For Life -
Coming the long
weekend in May, 1994**

**Call Patrick Ryley
(The Roost 426-3150)
to reserve your
space for the
1994 'Faces'
presentation &
fundraiser**

**At least 36 artists contributing works to Silent Auction
Sincere thanks to you all!**

Larry Andreoff
Jane Ash Poitras
Brenda Bastell
Con Boland
Ross Bradley
Clint Buehler
Bob Chelmick
Brian Clark
Steve Coffey
Peter Field
Pat Galbraith
Tom Gale

Jean Gauthier
Judy Hamilton
Maureen Harvey
Yardley Jones
Susan Kalven
Yuriko Kitamura
Roy Leadbeater
Amy Luk Loewan
Brenda Malkinson
Lynn Malin
Joanna Moore
Margaret Morris

Gerry Nason
Barbara Paterson
Eileen Raucher Sutton
Dean Reeves
Adeline Rockett
Sandy Segal
Nelson Shaw
Kathy Shirt
Elke Sommers
Cliff Supernault
Syncrude Canada
Peter Wachowich
Romana Yuca

Black and White Affair January 30, 1994! Tickets (\$20) on sale now!

WITH OUR THANKS

Post secondary students lend a valuable hand...

The AIDS Network salutes the students of Grant MacEwan Community College and the Northern Alberta Institute of Technology for their generous support of our special events.

An extra special thanks to GMCC's Campus Life Programs for outstanding contributions to the 1993 AIDS Walk For Life. Sincere thanks as well to first year Law Enforcement and Security students for sharing proceeds from a recent Pub with the AIDS Network.


Thank you, Edmonton Realtors' Charitable Foundation...

for your generous contribution to the AIDS Network. This organization raises money on behalf of members of the Edmonton Real Estate Board, realtors and the public to support many community charities - primarily those involving shelter. Your efforts are very much appreciated!

January 1994

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
Black & White Affair - 7:00 pm, Sunday January 30, Commerce Place Rotunda Tickets \$20, available at Ticketmaster, Charge by phone 451-8000 and the AIDS Network						1
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9	10 6pm Exec Committee 7pm GMOC	11 6pm Support Services Committee	12	13	14	15 GMOC
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23 Black & White Affair 30	24 6pm ANE Board 31	25	26	27	28	29

February 1994

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
		1	2	3 6:00pm Education Committee	4	5 AIDS 202 10am - 1:30pm
6	7	8 6pm Support Services Committee 7:30pm Memorial Service	9	10	11	12
13 Board Planning Day	14  7pm GMOC	15	16	17	18	19 12:30-6pm GMOC Men Meeting Men
20	21 CLOSED Family Day	22 6pm Support Services Vol unteer Meeting	23	24 6:30pm Volunteer Training	25	26 9:00pm Volunteer Training
27	28					